

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2611

Examiner: R. Brown

For: METHOD FOR DISPLAYING CHANNEL INFORMATION AND SELECTING
CHANNEL ON DIGITAL TELEVISION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2001, having a shortened period for response set to expire on February 28, 2001, the following remarks are provided.

I. Provisional Election of Claims Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.142

Applicants provisionally elect **Group I, claims 1-14 and 17-18** in response to the preliminary restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action.

II. Applicants Traverse the Requirement

Insofar as Group I is concerned, it is believed that claims 15 and 16 are so closely related to elected claims 1-14 and 17-18 that they should remain in the same application to preserve unity of the invention and to avoid any possibility of a double patenting issue arising

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at some later date. The elected claims 1-14 and 17-18 are directed to a method and apparatus for displaying channel information (see preamble) and claims 15 and 16 are drawn to a method of displaying channel information (see preamble). There have been no references cited to show any necessity for requiring restriction and, in fact, it is believed that the Examiner would find references containing both sets of claims in the same field of technology. While it is noted that the Examiner has identified different classifications for the claims of Groups I and II, it is believed that classification is not conclusive on the question of restriction. It is believed, moreover, that evaluation of both sets of claims would not provide an undue burden upon the Examiner at this time in comparison with the additional expense and delay to Applicants in having to protect the additional subject matter recited by the Group II claims by filing a divisional application.

III. Conclusion

Upon review of references involved in this field of technology, when considering that the method recited by the Group II claims is directed to displaying channel information, and elected claims 1-14 and 17-18 are directed to a method and apparatus for displaying channel information, and when all of the other various facts are taken into consideration, it is believed that upon reconsideration of the Examiner's initial restriction requirement, all of the pending claims should be examined in the subject application.

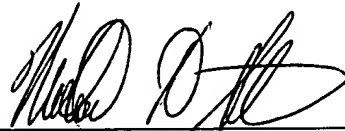
In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our deposit account number 19-3935.

Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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